Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The whole petition is before the District Magistrate and he is inquiring into it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—If there has not been any rowdysm what is the inquiry for?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The fact may be otherwise. There was some allegation according to the petition and that is being inquired into by the District Magistrate Before inquiring into, how can the Government know that there was any rowdysm? There has been some inquiry already conducted by the police and they found that there was no rowdysm at all. There has been some complaint and that is being inquired into. We cannot say anything more.

Canal—Nadama Village.

113. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) has the Government received a petition, dated 29th Edavam 1104, from a large number of inhabitants of Nadama village with reference to the urgent necessity for opening a canal from the Eastern Nedumgapuzha up to the Panankutti puzha in Nadama village ;

(2) has the Government taken any action in the matter ;

(3) is the Government aware that the opening of the canal will prevent the destruction of crops raised in nearly 2,000 paras of paddy land by annual inundation of floods ;

(4) is the enquiry in connection with the same over ;

(5) if over, what is their conclusion ;

(7) if not over, will the Government be pleased to expedite the same ;

(7) will the Government be pleased to place on the Council table the petition referred to above and the correspondence in connection with the same ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The matter is under enquiry.

(4) No.

(5) No.

(6) Yes.

(7) Government regret that the correspondence cannot be placed on the table at this stage, since it is incomplete.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know the nature of the inquiry that is going on?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Diwan Peishkar and the Registrar of Panchayats have been ordered to watch what the extent of the damage is during the monsoon season?

Mr. P. Raman Menon—May I know further at what time the inquiry will be over?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question here is the damage to crops in a certain area due to monsoon evils? So the inquiry should end after the monsoon.

Grant-in-aid bills.

114. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give in a tabular form the names of the schools in either division of the State which have their grant-in-aid bills in arrears, with reasons for arrear and the periods of arrear?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix I.*)

Minority communities—Educational concessions.

115. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the minority communities enjoying educational concessions in the State?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Only backward and Depressed classes are given educational concessions, irrespective of their being minority communities.

116. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the Anglo-Indian community, whose economic well-being depends on its educational progress, is not granted the concession referred to in 220?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far only those communities which are "backward" have been given concessions and the Anglo-Indian community does not come under that category.

Public Offices—Chittur.

117. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the name of the locality where the Munsiff's Court, the Magistrate's Court, the Taluk Office, the Police Station and the District Registrar's Office at Chittur are located;

(b) is that locality malarial;

(c) are several cases of malaria among the clerks and other officers of the above Public Offices reported every year;

(d) whether it is a fact that three constables died as a result of the malarial fever they contracted from that locality;

(e) whether any representations were received by the Government from the people to shift the Munsiff's Court, etc., from that Annampilly to the centre of the Chittur Town or Tattamangalam;

(f) what orders have been passed thereon and whether there is any prospect of the wislfes of the people being complied with?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Annampilly.

(b) Yes.

(c) Some cases have been reported of late.

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